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1. MOST SATURDAY PAPERS PLAYED UP ON PAGE ONE FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA'S ASSESSMENT THAT "WHAT FAILED AT QUITO WAS THE RIO TREATY". LEADS QUOTE RABASA SAYING MEXICO FAVORS A LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION EXCLUSIVE OF THE UNITED STATES, IN ADDITION TO THE OAS. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA IS ALSO QUOTED AS ANSWERING REPORTERS' QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OAS WITH ANOTHER QUESTION: "THE OAS?...DOES IT STILL EXIST?"

2. RABASA IS QUOTED IN ALL PAPERS AS SAYING: "WHAT FAILED AT QUITO WAS THE INTER-AMERICAN RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE TREATY (TIAR) AND THE COUNTRIES WHO DO NOT WANT TO LIVE IN THE PRESENT THAT ARE FORCING SENSIBLE AND REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES WITHIN THE OAS STRUCTURE...MEXICO, EXERCIZING ITS SOVEREIGNTY NOT ONLY CONTINUES TO HAVE RELATIONS BUT CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF CUBA."

3. EL SOL SAID EDITORIALY: "CONTRASTING WITH THE STRUCTURAL INCAPACITY OF THE OAS TO GUARANTEE THE UNION OF THE HEMISPHERE BASED ON THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY,
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ANOTHER FORUM PROPOSED BY ECHEVERRIA IN CARACAS IS BEING

ACTIVELY FORMED: THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM"
EDITORIAL WARNS THAT UNLESS ALL MEMBERS "STRIVE FOR
ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, HAVE A DESIRE FOR PROGRESS AND
ARE WILLING TO JOIN FORCES AGAINST THE INTERVENTIONIST
AND EXPLOITING TENDENCIES OF MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES,"
THE NEW ORGANIZATION WILL ALSO FAIL.

4. SALVADOR REYES NEVARES, WRITING IN THE SEMI-OFFICIAL
EL NACIONAL SAID: "THIS (QUITO) CONFERENCE HAD SOME
CONSEQUENCES. SOME OF THEM MIGHT EVEN BE POSITIVE IN
THE LONG RUN. WHAT HAPPENED THERE IS THAT THE OAS SHOWED
ITS TRUE COLOR AND THE TWELVE NATIONS THAT FAVORED LIFTING
THE SANCTIONS DECIDED TO ACT BY THEMSELVES INSTEAD OF
WAITING FOR A VOTING SYSTEM THAT PRODUCES RESULTS AGAINST
COMMON SENSE."

5. JAVIER LOPEZ MORENO, OF EL DIA: "IF THEY (THE COUNTRIES
WHICH FAVORED LIFTING SANCTIONS) ARE CONVINCED THAT THE
ORGANIZATION LED BY GALO PLAZA IS A DEADWEIGHT FOR THE
INTEGRATIONIST EFFORTS OF THE MAJORITY OF LATIN AMERICAN
STATES, THEY SHOULD GET RID OF IT. LET EACH COUNTRY DECIDE
BY ITSELF WHETHER TO REESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA
OR NOT SINCE THIS IS AN ACT OF SOVEREIGNTY...LET US NOT
KEEP PLAYING A GAME THAT WE DAILY CONDEMN WITHOUT
GETTING OUT..."

6. ESTEBAN ILLANES, OF NOVEDADES: "THE VOTING IN THE
OAS ON SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA DEFINITELY ERODED THE
PRESTIGE OF THAT ORGANIZATION. THE BLOCAGE, AS MANY
OBSERVERS POINTED OUT, WILL BE MEANINGLESS SINCE IT NO
LONGER HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY."
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